GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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USE OF CHEMICALS IN MINING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have issued any guidelines on the environmental safeguards for regulating the use of chemicals in the mining industry;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether it is mandatory for all Coal mines to seek permission from the State Pollution Control Boards before using any chemicals in the coal mines;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)
(a) No, Sir.
(b) Does not arise.
(c), (d) & (e) Presently, it is not mandatory for coal mines to seek permission from the State Pollution Control Boards before using any chemicals in the coal mines. However, Government has constituted a Committee to examine environmental issues pertaining to the use of chemical additives for suppression of dust in coal mines and suggest testing procedures of chemicals as well as remedial measures to prevent adverse impacts on environment.